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MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE disarmament parley in London has slipped back into one of its irregular but frequent muscle-flexing interludes, which occur almost every time smooth progress is impeded by a particularly difficult roadblock thrown up by one side or the other. The Samsonian diversions appear to be intended to show the other side of the table that it is they, after all, who should be more interested in arms cuts, and that the concessions already granted were made in the purest goodwill, and not from weakness.

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COMMENT on the disarmament talks has come from the American delegation in London, which denied reports that the talks have bogged down and maintained, on the contrary, that a serious phase in the negotiations is in progress. The U.S. negotiators have found themselves in the centre of affairs, conducting talks with the Russians on the one hand and, on the other, attempting to win the approval of Britain and France for the new American proposals.

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SOME inkling of the difficulties which beset the Western negotiators may be gleaned from yesterday's announcement that NATO's Permanent Council has been summoned to an extraordinary session to consider the new proposals. Unlike the Soviet Union, which by itself decides just what security arrangements are acceptable to Eastern Europe, the U.S. is not alone in formulating Western plans and the interests of the Allies, if not conflicting, are not always identical in all respects. Despite dire predictions that the next war will be decided by the first blow, and super-sophisticated recognition that a country's geographical position no longer secures it against attack by intercontinental ballistic missiles, it must be recognized that the danger to the American continent, however real, is yet more remote than it is, say, to France. This is especially so when the question deals with reductions in conventional arms and armies which — for all the world's nuclear consciousness — no nation is in a hurry to cut drastically. Western European nations cannot lightly dismiss the obvious fact that, while the U.S. may have time to mobilize, they will not.

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NEWS that the 15-nation NATO Council will consider a plan based on a two-year suspension of nuclear tests, instead of the 10 months of the original Western proposals, indicate that this is one issue on which the Americans are willing to concede a point to the Russians. The Soviet Union derided the earlier proposal as devoid of any real significance because the West, allegedly, had not planned any tests for this period anyway. It seems likely now that the Big Bang will no longer make newspaper headlines for a lengthy period which, if mutually acceptable inspection and control systems can be worked out, could be extended indefinitely. It is still doubtful whether this promising development is the First Step of which so much has been heard, and even more expected. If it is destined to be a beginning, it will have to be carefully insulated, by general agreement, from the many remaining differences on other aspects of disarmament.

Jerusalem, August 22.

CORRECTION

Owing to a printer's error, the concluding sentence in yesterday's "Marginal Column" was garbled. It should read: "And the Americans, who look as if they may be losing interest, may let them (the British) try."

Fresh Dispute At Ata Delays Start of Work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday.—The scheduled resumption of almost full-scale work at the Ata textile plant this morning was delayed by a new dispute.

Workers reporting for duty after the 14-week strike were told by the Works Committee outside the locked factory gates that resumption of production has been delayed for at least 24 hours pending clarification of the management's refusal to take back two of the 1,600 strikers, Mr. Heinrich Zimmet and Mr. Josef Schmetterling. The two men are awaiting trial on charges of having caused "grievous bodily harm" to the Ata Secretary, Mr. Ya'acov Abramov, when they assaulted him outside his Mt. Carmel home on July 10. They will face trial after the summer recess of the courts.

In Tel Aviv tonight, negotiations between representatives of the Histadrut Executive and the Ata management failed to settle the issue. It was later learned that the workers will not return to work until Mr. Hans Moller, Managing Director of Ata, agrees to take back the two men.

The Histadrut negotiators are understood to have claimed that the dismissal of the two men was not part of the agreement signed on Sunday night and that Mr. Moller has no right to make an issue of it now.

The Ata management had stated earlier that preparations for resumption of production were continuing today and that work on a full scale should begin tomorrow However, several cleaners refused to take up their tools this morning in protest against the refusal to re-employ the two men.

The management had at first refused to take back any of the 27 men charged by police with various acts of disturbing public order and of violence in connection with the strike, but later agreed to reinstate 25 of them on a temporary basis pending the hearing of their cases. However, it insisted on the exclusion of the two men who face grave charges of violence, for which the maximum penalty is seven years' imprisonment.

Mr. Abramov has meanwhile recovered and is no longer confined to bed. He is expected to return to work before long. He had suffered a skull fracture in the scuffle with the two men who, according to police, assaulted him after he had taken their photograph.

THE EGG TO BE RATIONED AGAIN

Egg rationing is being reinstituted as from next Sunday, it was learned from sources close to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Ministry is now completing the administrative machinery for this purpose. It is understood that the weekly ration will be four eggs per person at a price based on 110 pruta for "A" grade eggs. Price control will probably include all grades, though the prices for other than the "A" grade eggs have not yet been fixed.

The decision of the Ministry is in line with the Government plan for the stabilization of egg prices. Rationing, it was learned, will be only temporary, and aims at ensuring a regular supply during the holiday season.

In the event of egg supplies being increased as a result of either higher local production or imports from abroad, the Ministry will reconsider the decision.

GAZA MARAUDERS RESUME RAIDING

Jerusalem Post Reporter

After the recent lull, infiltrators from the Gaza Strip yesterday resumed their activities, harvesting five dunams of sorghum valued at IL2,000, from Kibbutz Mefalsim.

They also stole the baling twine from 750 bales of straw lying in the fields of Nahal Oz and from 400 bales belonging to Kfar Aza.

Pakistan Asks U.N. Meeting on Kashmir

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — Pakistan formally asked today for a U.N. Security Council session on Kashmir.

Dr. Francisco Urrutia, President of the Council, doubted that the meeting could be held before the election of a new Council late in September.

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France Readies Draft For Algerian Equality

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Government's "North Africa Committee" today reached broad agreement on the principles of a new statute for Algeria, an official spokesman announced.

The statute proposes equal political rights and equal political representation for Algeria's eight million Moslems and one and a half million Europeans.

He said the next step would be consultations with the main national political groups —that is all the parties except the Communists and Poujadists—before a precise text is submitted to the Cabinet.

Premier Bourges-Maunoury is expected to consult the main political leaders on the proposed reforms for Algeria, starting tomorrow. After agreement has been reached on the terms of the new statute for the North African territory the Premier is to visit Algeria himself.

Answer to U.N.

The statute, France's answer to insurgent claims for an independent nationalist Algeria, is regarded here as of great importance. The French want to show the U.N. General Assembly at its forthcoming meeting that they have done something concrete towards achieving the "peaceful, just and democratic solution" mentioned last February by the Assembly's Political Committee.

It is considered necessary here, that moderate left-wing opinion, including the minority of Socialist members of Parliament, should be assured that the Government's policy in Algeria is not limited to military "pacification."

Successive French governments have made it clear that they will not accept the creation of an independent Algeria.

Most members of the Government are cautiously optimistic about France's final victory over the insurgents and her ability to restore peace and prosperity under French sovereignty. They believe the insurgents, despite help from abroad in arms and money, are stalemated and they point to the current economic boom in Algeria as a sign that people believe France will win the battle there.

West Offers 2-Year Halt to A-Tests

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Western powers today moved closer to the Soviet position on cessation of nuclear tests. They proposed suspension of tests for an initial period of two years in two stages, conditional on the installation of satisfactory inspection systems.

The Western powers amplified their previous proposals on nuclear tests of July 2 at today's meeting in London of the U.N. Disarmament Subcommittee.

The proposals, which are part of the Western plan for a partial disarmament treaty, left open the possibility of indefinite extension of the initial period proposed for halting test explosions.

In Paris, a NATO spokesman said tonight the Permanent Council of the 15-nation North Atlantic Pact has been called into special session for Monday to study the new Western proposals.

In Washington, President Eisenhower issued a statement that he had authorized Mr. Dulles "to make a significant change in our proposals."

He said Mr. Harold Stassen, head of the U.S. delegation, has been instructed to inform the Sub-Committee today "that we will be willing as part of our proposal for a first step disarmament agreement to include a suspension of testing of nuclear weapons for a period up to two years under certain conditions and safeguards. These include Soviet acceptance of the U.S. position that, within that period, there will be initiated a permanent cessation of production of fissionable materials for weapons purposes and installation of inspection systems to insure performance."

"I sincerely hope that the Soviet Union will now join us and our Western colleagues in agreeing to our disarmament proposals, including the cessation of production of fissionable materials for wapons purposes. Until such a first step arms control agreement comes into force, the U.S. will of course conduct such nuclear testing as our security requires," the President concluded.

Ike Disappointed At Cuts in Aid

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower said today he was "tremendously disappointed" that Congress failed to pass parts of his foreign and domestic legislative proposals.

The President told his press conference that his only goal in drawing up his programme was to benefit the people of the U.S. and to advance world security through such proposals as foreign aid. He expressed the hope that the Senate would restore every cent of the $800m. which the House cut from the foreign aid appropriations bill last week.

The President dealt cautiously with questions bearing on his earlier statement that he might have to call a special session of Congress if foreign aid funds voted by Congress fell below the minimum of safety. He said he would not call a special session unless it was absolutely necessary, adding that he would have to watch the international situation day by day and would base his action on developments.

He said the problem the U.S. had to face was whether foreign aid cuts would lead to reductions in the military forces of such countries as South Korea, Formosa, Turkey, Pakistan and South Vietnam.

The Senate's Democrats heaped new troubles on the foreign aid programme yesterday.

Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat, Virginia) called for even deeper money cuts than voted previously by the House of Representatives, and Senator Lyndon Johnson (Democrat, Texas) questioned whether the Senate should raise the House figures.

Mr. Byrd, from the Senate floor, announced he favoured eliminating more than the $809m. which the House last week cut from the pending measure. He said he also would favour eliminating all economic aid, including money, for an economic development plan fund.

Two Wounded By T.A. Armed Thug

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Two persons waiting to buy tickets were wounded tonight when an armed robber unsuccessfully attempted to hold up the Tzafon Cinema box office in north Tel Aviv. The robber escaped.

At 9.50 o'clock, with the closing of the box office, a youth approached it from the rear and ordered the cashier at gun-point to hand over the evening's proceeds.

The cashier started to shout and apparently frightened the robber, who fired into the box office and into the audience in the lobby, although without hitting anyone.

He then ran outside, but was stopped by the crowd waiting to buy tickets. When an attempt was made to seize him he fired twice, wounding two persons. He then disappeared in the direction of Sheikh Munis.

Ya'acov Pdaya Piatelli, 50, of 4 Rehov Shadal, was seriously wounded, the bullet entering his stomach. The other wounded bystander, Israel Ben-Shushan, 21, of 11 Rehov 222, Jaffa, is not in a serious condition.

A police patrol car quickly appeared and a number of police officers, including the head of the Tel Aviv C.I.D., Insnector Arve Naor, who took charge of the investigation. The wounded were immediately taken to hospital by Magen David Adom ambulance.

The ticket collector described the robber as having had some adhesive tape pasted on the tip of his nose, apparently as a disguise.

Shortage of Funds Halts Gov't Housing Programme

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Difficulties in finding the necessary funds have brought the Government building programme to a halt and work is continuing only to complete buildings now under construction, according to sources close to the Ministry of Labour in Jerusalem.

Under the programme drawn up by the Ministry's Housing Division the construction of about 2,000 units was to have begun each month. With the building of each unit taking between four and five months, some 8,000 to 10,000 housing units have been in varying stages of completion every month.

During the past few months, considerable debts to various contractors have mounted due to financial difficulties in keeping pace with the rate of construction. Two weeks ago the contractors threatened to call a halt to building operations unless a solution was found. The Ministry of Finance has agreed to allocate a monthly sum of IL11m. — some IL2m. more than the amount scheduled for the building budget. This allocation will, however, suffice only to ensure the repayment of accumulated debts and the completion of work already under way.

It was learned in Jerusalem that the commercial banks agreed yesterday to take up IL7m. worth of the Housing Loan in addition to the amount of IL8m. which they originally underwrote when the loan was introduced.

The Government has also decided to start a publicity campaign to induce the public to buy the Housing Loan issues, which have hitherto met with little response. The campaign will start with a public meeting in Tel Aviv with the participation of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Minister of Finance, Mr. L. Eshkol, and the President of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. A. Shenhar.

Mars, Delayed By Egyptians, Denied Water

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Norwegian freighter Mars, on charter to Israel, was refused drinking water, fresh fruit and vegetables while being detained in the Suez Canal. On Monday and Tuesday the crew were put on water rations in the intense heat, it was learned yesterday when the 4,000-ton ship arrived in Haifa after she had been held up by the Egyptians for four days.

When the Captain of the Mars, Mr. Arthur Jevne, asked his shipping agent in Suez why the ship was being delayed, he was told that instructions had not arrived from Cairo to permit its passage.

The ship was carrying 3,500 tons of copra from the Philippines for Haifa, and arrived at Suez on Friday. It should have joined a convoy on Saturday. The Mars is the third Israel charter vessel to have been delayed in the Canal since the Sinai campaign.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman called the delay "unwarranted" and said it was a deliberate harassment of ships to and from Israel ports. It was in flagrant contradiction to Egypt's obligation to safeguard full freedom of shipping, he said.

Arabs to Take Oman Issue to Assembly

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP). — The Cairo representative of the Imam of Oman announced today he has asked the Arab League Secretariat to bring up the Oman dispute at the next session of the U.N. General Assembly.

The U.N Security Council yesterday voted not to discuss the Oman dispute, after the Arab League nations had asked for an immediate debate.

The semi-official Middle Eastern News Agency flatly asserted today that the Oman dispute would be raised before the General Assembly. Quoting an "official source" it said the issue was taken before the Security Council "to expedite the necessary action before raising the case in the General Assembly, where the Afro-Asian group has 27 votes."

The Imam's representative, commenting on the Security Council's rejection, said today the Omanis "now know which nations are their friends" and would continue "fighting to the end." At the U.N. Arab sources said the insurgents of Oman will continue their battle against the Sultan despite the Security Council's refusal to debate the conflict.

(An authoritative source in London said that Britain will oppose any attempt to put Oman on the Assembly's agenda. At least a two-thirds majority of the member nations of the Assembly is required for an item to be placed on its agenda.)

Indian Arms Supply Aired in Cairo Court

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — The judge trying 13 men of plotting to overthrow Abdul Nasser and assassinate him, warned today that he would order the court to go into closed session if lawyers insisted on revealing military secrets.

A lawyer defending ex-Brigadier Ahmed Atef Nassar, alleged leader of the plot, had said he had made a great contribution to the dispatch of Indian arms to Egypt when Military Attache in New Delhi.

Another lawyer representing the brigadier said no actual proof had been found against him. "Where are the uniforms, tommyguns and silencers the investigation mentioned? No such evidence has ever been produced," he said. He asked the court to disregard alleged confessions, charged the investigation proceedings were "illegal," and asked the court to acquit Nassar.

Events in Syria Don't Justify Action Under 'Doctrine —Ike

Bizri Charges U.S. Planned 'Made in America' Gangsters

DAMASCUS, Wednesday (UP). — Maj-Gen. Afef Bizri, Syria's new army Chief of Staff charged last night that the U.S. had planned to send "made-in-America gangsters" to assassinate him and other top officers.

Bizri, who took over the top army post last week in a military reshuffle that saw a dozen ranking officers relieved of their posts, said the U.S had planned to murder "every honest man in this country" in order to achieve political aims. "Their first target was to kill staff officers opposing their policies and striving for independence," he charged in his first press conference as army chief, with Western newsmen.

He said the American plotters planned to "make my children orphans... to send their gangsters into our homes and kill us." Asked whether the assassins were to have been Syrians or Americans Bizri replied they were to have been "made-in-America gangsters." When asked where the "gangsters" were being trained, Bizri replied: "You'd better go ask in Jordan and the Lebanon and ask there who is financing them."

Army Control

Questioned about reports from outside the country that the army had taken control of the Government itself, Bizri replied, "Go and ask our Foreign Minister. No one could force him to do something he didn't want to do. He is happy in his work."

The new Chief of Staff said he had dismissed 10 top officers after he and his aides took command of the army because "it had been proved to us that these people interfered in politics. These people had political thoughts they wanted to impose on the army." He pointed out that members of the Syrian Army are forbidden to engage in politics. Bizri said an investigation now under way would "show the world whether they had a hand in the plot or not."

Asked about his own political convictions — whether he was pro-Soviet or actually a Communist—Bizri referred to the U.N. Charter which forbids one country to interfere in the internal affairs of another "The situation as I see it is that you're not only trying to interfere in our internal affairs but also in personal affairs," Bizri said. "Is it forbidden for any person to carry thoughts? Is this democracy?" He said Syrians "do not need anyone to teach us how to love our country."

Bizri brushed off questions about Soviet arms shipments

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Nasser Arranges 'Truce' in Syria

The Beirut newspaper "El Hayat" reported yesterday that Abdul Nasser had succeeded in bringing about a "truce" between military and civilian leaders in Syria following talks in Cairo with the visiting Syrian President, Shukri Kuwatly. Neither Syrian nor Egyptian officials confirmed the report, U.P. reported from Beirut.

The newspaper further stated that Kuwatly, in view of developments, had sent a message home to Damascus telling an aide to destroy an alleged letter of resignation written before he left Damascus but never submitted.

The front-page story said, "Nasser's intervention between Kuwatly and the Syrian Army officers has succeeded; the officers have decided to call a truce to gain time. The Egyptian Ambassador to Damascus on Tuesday visited the Secretary-General of the Syrian Presidency and asked him to tear up a letter of resignation entrusted to him by Kuwatly."

Cairo Radio reported that Kuwatly has decided to delay his departure to Damascus for a week to conduct additional talks with Egyptian and Saudi authorities.

Rumour was also rife that King Saud of Saudi Arabia is scheduled to join in the Cairo talks between Abdul Nasser and Kuwatly. According to ANA from Damascus, Premier Sabri Assali welcomes such a prospect, while Education Minister Hani Siba'i was quoted as saying such a meeting would bring about understanding between the three countries.

The Saudi Minister of State for U.N. Affairs, Ahmed Shukeiry, yesterday arrived in Alexandria, bringing with him a personal note from King Saud to Kuwatly, who is in hospital Cairo Radio also reported.

British Critical Of U.S. Policy

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Diplomatic quarters and press reports are expressing disappointment that the Eisenhower Doctrine apparently is proving itself inadequate to meet the acceleration of events in Syria which represent the most trying Middle East situation since the Suez operation.

In a dispatch from Washington, "The Times" complained that the U.S. "once again" appears to be "at a loss" how to meet the developments. This report reflected considerable authoritative opinion as well. Further, Syria's position astride the main Iraq oil pipeline, and athwart the eastern flank of NATO, was seen as enough reason for anxiety.

There is a suggestion that Britain should seek an understanding with King Saud over the British position in the Arabian peninsula, but an even more outspoken "speculative thought" was contained in a dispatch today from the Beirut correspondent of "The Times" who said that Abdul Nasser might now perhaps be "ripe for a new approach."

It is expected that the more immediate plans would be to bring Britain's and America's assessment of the Syrian crisis into line, and that this would emerge shortly. The next move appeared to be the strengthening of the Baghdad alliance with renewed pressure to be put on the U.S. to join as full member. Finally, there were suggestions to strengthen some of the more exposed members of the alliance with more and modern weapons

Russia Wants To Buy Sudan Cotton

KHARTOUM, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has told the Sudanese Government today it wants to buy Sudanese cotton and other produce, and market them in Eastern Europe, it was disclosed today.

The request was contained in a message delivered by the Russian Charge d'Affaires to Premier Abdullah Khalil. It said that in return the Soviet Union would supply the Sudan with goods. It did not say whether the exchange would be on a barter or payment basis.

Sudanese cotton is normally sold to Britain and Western Europe, but the bulk of this year's crop is still unsold because of high prices.

'Leftists,' Not Communists

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower told a news conference here today that the situation in Syria was one which, at present, did not justify any kind of action at all under his Middle East doctrine for defending the region against Communist aggression.

He told newsmen that "of course" there are very definite limitations on what you can do in the internal affairs of any other country."

Mr. Eisenhower, replying to questions about U.S. intentions in face of recent events in Syria, said: "The situation there is that we are accused of a lot of things which are obviously a smokescreen behind which people that have leftish leanings are trying to build up their power."

He said the pattern which seemed to be emerging was the old Soviet pattern of inserting economic and military aid and trying to penetrate the receiving country with agents and stooges.

The President was asked if his phrase the "Soviet pattern" meant that he was suggesting the Syrian development represented a deliberate attempt or a conspiracy for the Soviet Union to take over the country.

Mr. Eisenhower replied he thought that was the ultimate aim, but an ultimate aim which was kept very definitely under cover.

Mr. Eisenhower said that at present the U.S. did not know how far the Soviet pattern of penetration had gone. He said there was a very strict censorship, the Embassy was not free to send all the information it might obtain, and the U.S. did not know exactly what was happening.

Asked if Syria was interfering with the diplomatic code at the Embassy, the President replied he did not think there were any restrictions of this kind, but he added that a Syrian security detachment had been placed around the Embassy for some time.

He added that it was a confused situation. The U.S. was consulting with other countries and was trying to appraise the situation.

Asked why he had referred to "leftist" instead of "Communist" elements in Syria, and whether the U.S. could tolerate any Communist state in the Middle East, Mr Eisenhower replied to the first question that, in his military career, he always gave his enemy a line of retreat

To the second question he said he did not want to be specific, adding there were all sorts of degrees of Communists. For example, the U.S. felt that Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia was in a far different position with respect to the free world than Communist countries directly controlled by international Communism, which spelled the greatest danger to the U.S.

Not that the U.S. approves of Communism in any way,

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Sixth Fleet Ready To Move Eastward

WASHINGTON Wednesday (Reuter). — U.S. Navy officials said today that most of the U.S. 6th Fleet is engaged in manoeuvres in the western Mediterranean, but is ready to move eastward if it becomes necessary.

The fleet's position was disclosed in response to inquiries concerning possible moves in connection with developments in Syria. A Navy spokesman said the present exercises were planned several months ago.

He added that the fleet would be temporarily reinforced in the next few days by the arrival of a squadron of destroyers scheduled to replace a similar unit due to return to the U.S.

U.S Protests Guard'

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said today that the U.S. had protested to Syria against the placing of a security detachment around the American Embassy in Damascus. Mr. White said that this detachment had been operating since Syria expelled three members of the Embassy staff last week, and it was hampering the operations of the Embassy.

In reply to the protest, Syria had stated that the detachment was "for the protection of American personnel." This reply was rejected by the U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Damascus, Mr. Strong.

Mr. White said that the security detachment was searching Syrian employees when they entered the Embassy, asking for their papers, "and all sorts of obstruction was going on."

He said that when the detachment was first placed around the Embassy it numbered 30 to 40 soldiers, but he thought that since that time it had been cut down to 10 or 12. There are at present only 17 Americans in the Embassy.

French Cabinet Meets on Syria

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Christian Pineau today reported to a Cabinet meeting on the international situation in general and Syria in particular.

The Minister of Information, M. Robert Soulie, told reporters afterwards that M. Pineau said he noted in Syria "elements favourable to the Soviet Union and that the Syrian situation could give rise to some anxiety."

Lebanese Prevent Sabotage to Dams

The Lebanese security forces yesterday found 50 sticks of dynamite which were placed by unknown persons for blowing up three dams on the El Khaleb River, Cairo Radio reported, quoting Beirut dispatches.

The Lebanese Government, in this connection, asked the Lebanese Chief of Staff, Gen. Fuad Shihab, to cut short his vacation in order to take stronger security measures to protect foreign embassies, river dams, public service installations, and public institutions.

The Lebanese security authorities have also clamped censorship on news reports from Damascus regarding the alleged American plot against the Syrian regime.

Baghdad Radio quoted Beirut reports that security forces yesterday raided the house of Kamal Jumbalat, leader of the Lebanese Socialist Progressive Party, after receiving information that "subversive elements" were there.

Burma, Syria Students Said on Strike in Moscow

VIENNA, Wednesday (Reuter). — A traveller reaching Vienna from Moscow reported today that Burmese and Syrian students there had staged a strike to get better conditions.

The Burmese and Syrian students were offered scholarships to study at Moscow University. They got 680 roubles a month but they found that their food alone in the canteen where they had to eat, cost them 750 roubles a month.

The Burmese refused to study, and demanded 900 roubles which Egyptian students receive. After a few days the university authorities gave way and they got their 900 roubles. Seeing this, the Syrian students also struck for 900 roubles and got it.

The traveller left Moscow on August 14.

N.Y. Stocks Recover After 'Syrian Slump'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Waves of buying and selling snapped the New York stock market out of the doldrums yesterday and prices went ahead on the biggest volume since July 11.

The net result was that the market recouped nearly half of its overall loss in Monday's rout which was linked with the Communist coup in Syria and other uncertainties.

The sell-off and the subsequent rise were general, affecting most divisions.

PREMIER TO CONFER WITH EBAN TODAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Consultations between Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador to Washington, and Foreign Ministry officials on administrative questions were held yesterday. The scheduled meeting with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion was postponed until today.

Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Mr. A. Becker, head of the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut.

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The Minister of Welfare and of Religious Affairs, Mr. Moshe Shapira, yesterday received the Rumanian Minister to Israel, Dr. Petru Manu.

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The British Ambassador and Lady Rundall yesterday entertained at their Ramat Gan home representatives of the Israel press.

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The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Gershon Agron, yesterday received the Peruvian Minister to Israel, Mr. Mario Sosa Pardo de Zela. On Tuesday Mayor Agron received Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleck of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Fleck has been named a "Woman of Valour" as a result of her efforts on behalf of State of Israel Bonds which resulted in the sale of Bonds exceeding $100,000.

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Mr. Meyer Weisgal last night gave a dinner party for Mr. Harry Sacher at the King David Hotel. Present were Mayor and Mrs. G. Agron, Ambassador and Mrs. A. Eban, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Meltzer and Mrs. M. Sela. Mr. Sacher, who participated in the Ideological Conference, is leaving for England this morning.

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A reception for Mrs. Raymond Clapper, head of the Washington office of CARE, was held yesterday at the home of Mr. Moshe Bar-Sela, Director-General of the Ministry of Welfare. Among those present were the local head of CARE, Mr. W.E. Tibbets, and senior Government officials.

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Dr. Yehezkel Kaufman, Professor of Bible at the Hebrew University, recently handed over to the University the IL500 Bialik Prize awarded him for Jewish Studies. The funds have been given as prizes for outstanding essays by students of Bible to Shimon Ariel, Carmella Balosher, Lipa Ginath, Zvi Genin and Edna Weinhaber.

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Representatives of the Histadrut Executive, the "Davar" daily and of labour settlements yesterday visited the grave of Beri Katznelson at Kinneret, on the 13th anniversary of his death.

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Mr. David Tannenbaum, of Jerusalem and New York City, has been elected Vice-Chairman of Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Institute. Mr. Moshe Blich, head of the Education Department of Ramat Gan Municipality, has been appointed to the Board of Directors.

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The Jascha Heifetz prize at the Serge Koussevitzky music summer school at Tanglewood, Mass., has been awarded to a Jerusalem violinist, Davin Lein-Hen.

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The Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir, is to distribute certificates this evening to 2,600 graduates of Histadrut vocational courses at Beit Hapoel, Tel Aviv.

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Mr. Wellesley Aron, Rotary International Administrative Adviser for Israel, is to report on the Rotary International Assembly at Lake Placid at the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Club luncheon at Z.O.A. House at 1.15 p.m. today.

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Three British films will be shown by courtesy of the British Embassy to members and friends of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association tonight at 8.30 sharp at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv. Admission free.

Old Folk's Club in Migdal

ASHKELON, Wednesday. — An old people's club was opened here yesterday in the presence of many visitors.

The Municipal Council has placed at its disposal a six-roomed building in the northern quarter of the old city of Migdal, while Malben has provided IL5,000 for its renovation.

Sixty old people from a number of different countries will spend their time at the club in studying Torah and reading. Only persons recommended by the Ministry for Social Welfare will be admitted. *(Itim)*

ISRAEL PAVILION WINS PRAISE IN TURKEY

The Israel pavilion at the international fair in Izmir was officially opened on Monday by the Turkish Minister of Commerce, Mr. A. Aquer, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. Pointing out the impressive exterior of the pavilion, the Minister said it was one of the nicest in the fair. The Minister was received by the Israel Charge d'Affaires in Turkey, Mr. M. Alon, and the Director of the Israel Fairs Company, Dr. E. Justic-Dayan.

The Israel pavilion is one of the largest in the fair, with 130 firms exhibiting refrigerators, electric stoves, chemicals, fertilizers and other industrial products.

CABINET MINISTERS, Members of the Knesset, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv will be among those present at the laying of the cornerstone of the Tel Aviv Opera's new building at 12, Rehov Mandelstam, at 6.30 this evening. Members of the opera troupe will perform at the ceremony.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post August 22, 1957

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Silberg, Landau and Witkon.

Ciba Ltd. v. The Registrar of Trade-Marks. (H.C. 18/57)

Registration of Undistinctive Trade-mark Refused

The High Court dismissed an appeal against the refusal of the Registrar of Trade-Marks to accept an application to register a trade-mark submitted by Ciba Ltd.

Ciba Ltd., manufacturers of pharmaceutical preparations, applied to the Registrar to register a trade-mark consisting of a series of white and black ellipses on a black background with the word "Duplex" in the middle, which trade-mark they intended using on certain medical preparations which have repetitive and continuous properties.

The Registrar refused their application on the grounds that the trade-mark does not distinguish the goods of the applicants from those of other persons, as required by sections 7(1) and (2) of the Trade-Marks Ordinance, 1938; and that it consists of a word which bears direct reference to the quality or character of the goods, contrary to the provisions of section 9(f) of the Ordinance.

In the appeal against this decision Mr. Rappaport appeared for the appellants and the Registrar of Trade-Marks appeared on his own behalf.

Judgment

Justice Landau, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, in agreeing with the Registrar's decision said that there is no doubt whatsoever that the word "Duplex" arouses associations in the minds of most people with the process of duplication, and even though the word itself is not used in spoken Hebrew, the word "duplicate" has certainly insinuated itself into the Hebrew language. Furthermore, he continued, it is clear that the appellants wished to convey just this impression when choosing to label a medical preparation with repetitive properties with this particular trade-mark.

As to the question of the distinctive nature of the trade-mark, it is obvious, Justice Landau held, that a trade-mark which is not registerable because it bears direct reference to the nature of the product cannot be "distinctive" within the meaning of section 7 (1) of the Ordinance, unless, of course, it is a trade-mark which is in actual use and which the user has rendered in fact distinctive for goods with respect to which it is proposed to be registered (see section 7 (3) and H.C. 44/49, P.D. 4/109). The appellants had, however, never claimed that the trade-mark had a distinctive nature by virtue of this fact.

As to the argument that the framework and elliptical design of the trade-mark were sufficient to give it a distinctive character, the Registrar had admitted, Justice Landau continued, that if the appellants had sought to register only the geometrical design without the word "Duplex," quite possibly their application should have been accepted; but he had argued that the moment the word is added then the design becomes merely a decorative adjunct to the word "Duplex" which then forms the main part of the trade-mark.

In agreeing with this argument, Justice Landau pointed out that the word "Duplex" would immediately hit the eye and attention of an observer rather than the geometrical design and that the acoustic effect of the word also insured that it would not be ignored (see H.C. 150/50 P.D. 5/1487). Furthermore, it was self-evident that anyone wishing to buy the product would remember it by the word "Duplex" and not by the elliptical framework in which the word appears.

For similar reasons, Justice Landau held, the appellant's alternative suggestion that the trade-mark be entered on the register on condition that they disclaim any right to the exclusive use of the word "Duplex" on it, was unacceptable. For if this suggestion were accepted then only the geometrical design would be protected by registration, but the appellants would nevertheless continue to use the word "Duplex," and the very emphasis on this word would deprive the trade-mark of sufficient distinctiveness to warrant its registration. In addition, if the registration were allowed with the suggested proviso, it would only encourage the use by others of the same word in a differently designed framework and it certainly is not part of the duties of the Registrar to encourage the multiplication of trade-marks likely to lead to confusion and make it impossible to distinguish between the goods of various manufacturers.

Appeal dismissed.

Judgment given on July 27, 1957.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• **Exhibitions:—**
Conquest of the Desert, Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1, 4-6. On Friday from 10-1. Closed Saturdays.

1) Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial objects; 2) Rothschild Manuscript. Number Twenty Four. 3) Watercolours and Drawings by Pascin and Modern French Graphics. "4) Selected Ancient Coins in Palestinian History. 5) Yemenite Art. 6) Sculpture and drawings and etchings by Mordecai Perelman and by Moise Kagan. Bezalel, 9-1, 4-6.

Bezalel Museum Romema Branch. Conquest of the Desert Pavilion — Drawings by the late Leopold Krakauer, 10-1. Closed on Saturday.

Pastels by Pinhas Litvinovsky, Artists House, 10-1, 4-7.

Religion and Cult in Ancient Israel — Exhibition on the occasion of the Second World Congress of Jewish Studies. Also Permanent Exhibition. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh, 9-1, 3-5.

• **Tours:—**
Hebrew University Conducted tour, 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. (Conducted tours in Hebrew Sundays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.)

• **Film Shows: —**
Israel films, daily, 11.30. Keren Hayesod Hall.
Historic film on the 19th Zionist Congress, 1935, in Lucerne. Beit Hillel, Rehov Balfour, 7 and 9.

• **Theatre: —**
Massach presents "Indian Folklore" by Cochin Immigrants Assoc., Y.M.C.A. 8.30 p.m.

• **Discussion: —**
"Whither Our Young Poetry?" S. Shalom, Y. Shalev, H. Toren, T. Ben-Hefetz. Beit Ha'am, 8 p.m.

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• **Exhibitions: —**
1) Lithographs by I. Aschheim; 2) Photographs of the Huia Valley by Peter Meron; 3) 60 Paintings by Modigliani, Soutine, Pascin, Chagall and Kisling. Museum, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Film Show: —**
Israel & British Commonwealth Assoc., Three British films, Goodman Audit., Z.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m. sharp.

• **Tourist Service: —**
Z.O.A. House Tourist Service, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 to 9 p.m.

• **Theatre: —**
Habimah, "Anna Christie," 8.30.

HAIFA

• **Exhibitions: —**
Opening of the exhibition "Sculpture in the Open Air." Gan Ha'Em, Mt. Carmel, 5.30 p.m.

• **Golden Age Club: —**
Lecture: — Dr. Max Mayer on: "The Enchanted City." Haas Cafe, 4.30 p.m.

• **Theatre: —**
Ohel, "The Pedagogic Poem," Armon, 8.

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 Light Music. 12.30 Smetana: 1) "Wallenstein's Camp" (Conductor: Henry Swoboda); 2) Wedding Scenes. 1.00 Lunch-time music: Soloist: Bruno Rosettani. 3.30 Close Down.

4.50 News Summaries in English, Swedish, Spanish & programme of light music. 5.05 Light Music. 5.15 Children's Corner. 5.30 Youth Corner. 7.15 "We Present Tonight." — 7.18 "Ron Ami" (R). 7.40 Arabic stories by Daoud el-Natour. 7.55 "Young Artists" — Ereis Zilberfarb (Piano): Haydn: Variations in F-minor; Bartok: Bagatelles. 8.20 Farmer's Corner. 8.40 Light Music, played by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 8.55 Bible Reading, Yirmiyahu, Chap. 51. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Good Evening" — Programme edited by E. Ram. 10.00 "Trap" — Police Files Tell. 10.35 Request Programme. 11.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 460, 232.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 41.9 & 460 M.): 8.30 Mif'al Ha-Payis drawing. 6.00 "Jazz-time" with Buddy Featherstonhough and his Ensemble. 6.15 Music from Films and Shows. 7.00 Hebrew-Ladino Lesson. 7.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 News in Polish. 9.30 French. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.00 News Headlines. 6.01 Yiddish News. 6.06 Afrikaans transmission. 6.15 "Rishon Le-Zion" — A 75th anniversary visit. 6.30 News. 6.38 "Thursday Column."

Programme to U.K.: 12.00 News. 12.07 "Thursday Column." 12.15 Music by Marc Lavry.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 226 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 Classical Requests. 8.00 "Projector." 8.30 "Limelight." 9.00 News. 9.10 "Soldier's Platform." 9.45 Evening Tunes. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.90, 16.94, 24.80 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Curtain Up — "Parody," composed and performed by Sh. Segal and Sh. Rodensky, of Habimah.

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Fulbright Grant winners are shown here with U.S. Charge d'Affaires William Baxter, (left). Leaving today for study in the U.S. are (right to left): Aviezri Fraenkel, Raoul Kopelman, and Leonard Lamin.

3 Fulbright Students Leaving

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (USIS). — The first three Israel students to receive Fulbright Travel Grants will leave on the s.s. Israel tomorrow for the U.S. where they will spend a year of study at various American universities.

They are Leonard Lamin of the Technion, who will attend the Illinois Institute of Technology; Aviezri Fraenkel, an electronic engineer at the Weizmann Institute of Science who will spend a year at the University of California; and another Technion student, Raoul Kopelman, who received a teaching Assistantship in the Department of Chemistry at Columbia University.

The grants were presented by U.S. Charge d'Affaires William O. Baxter on Monday.

Since the Fulbright Act became law 11 years ago, about 30,000 grants have been awarded to carefully selected persons in the U.S. and 28 other countries. The Act amended the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to permit the use for educational exchange purposes of a portion of the credits and currencies of other countries acquired by the U.S. through the sale of surplus properties abroad.

Subsequent legislation authorized for the same purpose foreign currencies acquired by the U.S. through other agreements, such as the International Media Guarantee programme.

These currencies have made it possible for Americans to engage in study, research, teaching and other educational activities in cooperating countries, and for the citizens of these countries to obtain round-trip passage for study in American higher institutions.

The programme was set up in Israel a year ago for a five-year period.

In addition to the three students who will leave tomorrow, six Israel research scholars have been awarded Fulbright travel grants this year. A number of American scholars are expected in Israel shortly under the programme.

Har Cana'an Sails From Hamburg

HAMBURG, Wednesday (INA). — The 9,500-ton Har Cana'an, built here under the Reparations agreement by Germany's largest shipyard and specially equipped to handle 14,750 tons of such cargo as coal, steel or grain, was delivered yesterday to Bulk Carriers Ltd., her new Tel Aviv owners.

As soon as this youngest ship of the Israel merchant navy arrived outside German territorial waters in the course of her maiden voyage, she was transferred to the Israel Government by William Scholz, director of the local Deutsche Werft shipyard after she had been entered into the Israel shipping register.

Mau Mau Prisoners Beat Guards to Death

NAIROBI, Wednesday (Reuter). — Police reinforcements have been rushed to a Mau Mau detention camp where inmates beat two African warders to death last Saturday night, the Kenya Defence Minister, Mr. J. Cusack, said today.

Two European officers and several other African warders were injured, as were 18 detainees. The camp is at Manyan, 160 kms. from Mombasa.

Mr. Cusack described the rioters as "the very worst of Mau Mau." They attacked a party of 75 warders who had entered a compound containing 200 "hard core" members of the African organization which fought against white settlers in Kenya.

Flies Balloon to 118,000 Feet

CROSBY, Minnesota, Wednesday (Reuter). — Major David Simons, the young U.S. Air Force flier-scientist who drifted on the fringe of space for more than a day in a huge balloon, landed safely yesterday.

Major Simons had remained aloft in the balloon for a record 32 hours, reaching an altitude officially reported at 102,000 feet and unofficially reported at 118,000 feet. Either was a new record—if confirmed by a check of instruments in the balloon's aluminium gondola. The previous record for a manned balloon flight was 96,000 feet, set last June by a U.S. Air Force captain.

The purpose of the ascent was to collect data and photographs on what aircraft of the future would encounter when they ventured beyond the earth's atmosphere. Also it was a test of human endurance in cramped quarters.

Major Simons brought the balloon to earth near Ellendale, North Dakota. He had gone aloft at Crosby on Monday.

A 70-knot wind at 40,000 feet made it necessary to delay the descent. Major Simons also had been waiting out a line of squalls. He had planned to remain aloft only 24 hours.

Major Simons had advised by radio that he was comfortable, though the temperature within his tiny instrument-filled gondola had dropped to 37 degrees Fahrenheit at one time.

The highest a human has ever reached is 126,000 feet (37,800 metres) attained by a U.S. Air Force test pilot in a rocket-powered aircraft for a very short period.

Ellery Queen Among Literature's Best

A new publishing house specializing in providing cheap pocket-book editions of translations of "the best in current world literature," has been founded in Jerusalem, it was announced by Mrs. N. Daniler and Mr. B. Weinshal, who will head the firm.

To be called Alei Dor, the firm will start its activities with the publication of a translation of the works of the legendary American sleuth, Ellery Queen. The first book that will appear in this series is to be "The Senator's Secret."

Foreign language translations of the best in modern Hebrew writing will also be published for export in the near future. *(Itim)*

U.S. Must Learn To 'Prevent Syrias'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP). — It is "time for the U.S. to learn how to use world power" after it was unsuccessful in Syria, the "Herald-Tribune" said today in its leading editorial.

"The Eisenhower Doctrine, as such, has no provision against the effects of infiltration and subversion," it said. "The policy of the U.S. has been unsuccessful — if, indeed, any serious effort was made in that direction — in preventing the Syrian coup. At best, this country has helped to awaken Syria's neighbours to the danger... but the danger of Communist subversion, trading on nationalism, exists throughout the Middle East and North Africa — indeed, it is critical throughout Asia and Africa and many Pacific Islands. How does the U.S. propose to meet those threats?

"It must be by the exertion of power — moral, economic, political and military. There has to be a concept and a capability of exerting this power at any threatened point... The U.S. has to be prepared to resort to massive retaliation against major aggression — and the Soviet Union must know that that purpose and potential exist... but there must also be developed within the American military system the ability and the willingness to use force locally, and with discrimination, when the necessity arises and when the great strategic weapons are inappropriate to the case. This, too, the Soviets must know.

"...President Eisenhower and his administration will have to adapt themselves to a climate in which peace cannot be preserved by merely wishing it, or even confining themselves to broad, beneficient and constructive programmes. Syria was given ample opportunity to join in peaceful, useful work for the benefit of its own people and those of the whole Middle East, with the assistance of the U.S.

"But the Soviet Union bored from within, took over the army and subverted the Government. There must be no more Syrias, and the U.S. must learn how to prevent them."

Ergot Blights Export Wheat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ergot-infected wheat has appeared for the first time in this country this year, affecting the hard wheat of several farms, the Ministry of Agriculture reports.

Several hundred tons of wheat destined for export were found infected out of a total of 22,000 tons. A method of removing the ergot fungus from the wheat has been perfected.

Ergot is poisonous if ingested, causing gangrene and atrophy as a result of its effect on the blood vessels. It provides, however, the valuable alkaloid ergotine which is used in the manufacture of drugs.

The Ministry of Agriculture has published an order obliging farmers to report all suspected cases of ergot-infected wheat, to refrain from sowing with infected wheat or transporting it before the ergot has been removed.

RECORD. — Nikolai Nikitin broke a world parachute record over Moscow on Tuesday in a free fall of more than 4,000 metres. He bailed out of the plane at 15,000 metres.

Woman Wins Channel Swim

DOVER, Wednesday. — Greta Anderson, Danish-born Olympic Gold Medallist from Long Beach, California, was tonight declared the winner of this year's annual International Cross-Channel Swimming Race after a day-long battle against winds and tides.

After a hard struggle in the final stage, she staggered ashore here to become the first woman to win the annual race since it started in 1951. She had been in the water for 13 hours and 53 minutes, failing to beat the women's Channel-swim record by one hour and 11 minutes.

Edna Borenstein of Israel, still some way from the English coast, was taken out of the water one minute after Miss Anderson reached the shore. After the Israel girl retired from the race, 12 of the original 24 competitors were still swimming—four of the seven women and eight of the 17 men.

The swimmers, who were competing for £1,900 in prizes and a 1,000 guinea (£1,050) Cup put up by "holiday camp king" Billy Butlin, set out from Cap Gris-Nez, France, early this morning.

Edna Reminds B.B.C. It's Israel Now

LONDON, Wednesday (INA).—Edna Borenstein, the young Israel swimmer who took part in the cross-Channel swim from France to England, which began early today, was praised yesterday for her spirit.

During a B.B.C. television interview, her interviewer spoke of her as a competitor from Palestine. Quick as a flash Edna intervened "Not Palestine, Israel—and Israel it's been since 1948."

So far Edna Borenstein has had more publicity than any other competitor in this cross-Channel swim, which has attracted entries from all the world over. Though experts never rated her chances of winning the women's race very highly, her progress was followed with greatest interest.

U.S. to Have National Olympic Day

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter).—The United States is to have a National Olympic Day, to mark the opening of a campaign to raise funds to finance American teams in the 1960 Olympic programme.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a resolution designating October 19 as the day. The 1960 Winter Olympics are to be held in Squaw Valley, California, and the Olympic Games, in Rome.

17 Swiss Coming To Maccabiah

ZURICH, Wednesday (INA). — Seventeen Swiss competitors are scheduled to leave Zurich on September 12 for the Fifth Maccabiah in Israel. The Swiss team will take part in the hand-ball, pistol-shooting and tennis tournaments and is due to return to Zurich on September 28. It is understood here that larger participation could not be assured through lack of funds.

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RON: Storm Over the Nile.
SEMADAR: Ana.
STUDIO: Marty.
TEL OR: No Time for Flowers.
ZION HALL: The Baby and the Battleship.

TEL AVIV
At 4, 7.30 and 9.30

ALLENBY: "Je Suis un Sentimental."
ARMON DAVID: Albert R.N.
At 5.15 p.m.: Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs.
CHEN: Closed for Alterations.
DAN: Michel Strogoff.
EDEN: Boot Polish.
ESTHER: The Opposite Sex.
MIGDALOR: "Le Monde de Silence."
MOGRABI: The Revolt of Mamie Stover.
OPHIR: "Rencontre a Paris."
ORION: Dunja.
TAMAR: Back from Eternity.
TCHELET: The Desert Song.
YARON: "Tradita."
ZAFON: "Un Condamné a Mort S'est Echappé."
ZAMIR: Dan and Sa'adia.

HAIFA

ARMON: Fire Down Below.
EN DOR: "La Fille de Mata Hari."
ORLY: The Man with the Golden Arm. At 4 p.m.: Heidi.
ORAH: "En Effeuillant La Marguerite."
AMPHITHEATRE: Smiley.
MORIAH: The Glass Slipper.
ATZMON: Never Wave at a WAC. At 5 p.m.: Little Red Riding Hood.
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Final Ruling Takes Record From Konno

THE HAGUE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Ford Konno, American holder of the world 800 metres freestyle swimming record since 1951, has been deprived of his record by a new ruling of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), according to the Dutch news agency A.N.P. reporting from Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Konno's record is the only freestyle performance affected by the new rule. The Executive Committee of FINA meeting in Zagreb decided that any existing records which were set in pools exceeding 50 metres would no longer be recognized.

Konno's 800 metres time of 9 mins 20.7 secs was set in a 100 m. pool in Honolulu. FINA decided last year in Melbourne that on and from May 1, 1957, records made in pools of less than 50 metres would no longer be ratified. The question of records set in longer pools was left open until the latest meeting.

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Today's Postbag

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Mt. Cana'an	—	34	—	33
Tiberias	46	27	37	37
Haifa Port	69	27	33	34
Natanya	65	24	33	32
Tel Aviv Kirya	64	24	32	31
Tel Aviv Port	76	24	30	30
Lydda Airport	56	22	34	33
Jerusalem	21	24	26	24
Beersheba	41	22	36	35
Sdom	40	30	39	39
Eilat	21	29	42	40

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. A. Shahar, of the Israel Legation in Hungary, on home leave. (El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. Hanan Yavor, Israel Charge d'Affaires in Ghana, for Accra via Rome.

Mr. Martin Goldsmith, head of the Hydrological Service of the Water Authority, for Toronto, to participate in the Conference of the International Union of Geodesy and Physics opening on September 3.

Mr. B. F. MacLaurin, U.S. Labour leader; for New York.

Dr. Gershon Meiron, Director General of Delek Petroleum Company, for Europe.

Mr. S. Tamir, for Paris and London.

Mr. Hillel Kook, to the U.S., after participating in the Ideological Conference in Jerusalem. (T.W.A.).

Dr. B. Z. Ben-Shalom, head of the Youth and Hehaluts Department of the Jewish Agency, for Argentina.

Mr. S. I. Shipton, Chairman of the British Federation of Zionist Youth and Mr. A. A. Abrahams, Honorary Secretary of Mapam in Britain, for London after a short visit. (All by El Al).

ABOUT 330 immigrants from North Africa and Egypt arrived at Haifa yesterday in the s.s. Aliya. They were taken to development areas.

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80 JAFFA children, members of the Zadikov Workers' Choir, were sent yesterday morning to the Histadrut Onim rest home near Petah Tikva for a holiday as a gift of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Labour Council.

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OVER 200 persons from the Ma'aben institution in Hadera will arrive today in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Honour the Aged Campaign. They will visit the President, the Municipality, the Knesset, and Binyanei Ha'ooma.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY CONVOY to Mount Scopus went through on Wednesday, taking 15 visitors.

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A POSTAL AGENCY grade A will be opened on Tuesday next at Mr. Yosef Levy's shop in the Talpiot Market, Haifa, and will be open for business Sunday to Thursday from 8 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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A SPECIAL postal agency will be opened in Tirat Zvi on Tuesday (August 27), in commemoration of the settlement's 20th anniversary, and not today as incorrectly reported previously.

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THE POLICE BAND played at the presentation of credentials ceremony of the Peruvian Minister on Tuesday, and not the Zahal band, as reported in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

3 Remanded For Trial as Spies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Arab girl and two men who were yesterday arraigned on charges of espionage before Examining Magistrate L. Slutzky, were today committed for trial in the District Court. They are being held in custody.

The three accused are Na'ifa Samia Akala, 21, of Haifa, and Ahmed Sh'dadi and Daoud Amori, of Shfar-Am.

Evidence was given by police inspectors to whom the accused had made statements upon their arrest. The three had admitted the charge and given exact details of their work for the Syrian and Jordan intelligence services, they testified. The testimony of a number of army officers and an Egged driver who is said to have sold arms and ammunition to Amori (who is also an Egged driver) was heard in camera.

Two Young Men Back From Syria, Jordan

ACRE, Wednesday. — A 16-year-old boy who had crossed the Syrian border after a quarrel with other youths with whom he is training at Kibbutz Amir, was brought before Magistrate A. Friedman today after being returned by the Syrian authorities.

A 15-day detention order was issued to enable the police to complete their investigation.

Meanwhile, a 20-year-old Nazareth resident, M. Doran, gave himself up to the police, confessing that he had left Israel for Jordan illegally a month ago but returned as he was unable to find work there.

He has been detained. *(Itim)*

CONCRETE PIPE FALLS ON WORKER

ASHKELON, Wednesday. — A worker in the Yuval Gad concrete pipe factory, Yehoshua Zarfana, was taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital this afternoon after a giant pipe fell on his left arm.

It is feared that the arm may have to be amputated. His life is not in danger.

Arab Villagers and Minister On Give-and-Take Projects

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — "The Government is actively working for a solution of the problem of the Arab *fellaheen* and landowners whose lands were expropriated because they were absent from their holdings during or immediately after the War of Independence," Mr. Ze'ev Zur, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, today told the residents of several Arab villages in Galilee.

Mr. Zur explained that the Government intends compensating the owners in cash and with other land as near to their present homes as practicable. The Government would also help them to re-establish their livelihoods.

Senior Ministry officials told the press that 2,000 owners who had applied for compensation had already had their claims settled. The number of eligible Druse and Arab landowners who are applying for compensation is steadily rising. This tendency to co-operate with the authorities for a solution of the problem, which is one of the principal questions in the minority villages, augurs well for a full settlement of the matter, they thought.

Mr. Zur's tour of Galilee villages was designed to provide a close study of the Arab villages' problems, and to persuade them to participate in development projects which would raise their standard of living and improve their amenities. Mr. Zur made it clear that the Government would neither force development on them nor carry out projects on a philanthropic basis. "Development will be carried out only where the inhabitants want it and agree to participate in its financing," he said.

Enter New Fields

He also explained to the villagers that, under modern conditions, they could no longer expect to keep all their eggs in the agricultural basket. With the rising standard of living and mechanization they would soon be forced to look for other sources of livelihood as well. He appealed to the villagers to make a start with industries, especially those connected with agriculture.

Wherever Mr. Zur called, at Shfar-Am, Ibelin, Tamra, Kaboul, Rama and elsewhere, local notables presented him with long lists of requests. The Minister's party had to make up with fast driving for the long speeches at the various stops. Problems raised concerned lack of arable lands; income tax assessments; long-term loans and rates of repayment; olive prices; water shortages; farm training and schooling; electricity; sewerage and school buildings. Mr. Zur promised to consider the requests and give all aid possible. He would also pass on to other Ministries those requests which concern them.

Still Hot and Wet

Hot, humid weather, normal for this season in the Mediterranean zone, continued throughout Israel yesterday with temperatures ranging from 42 degrees in Eilat, 36 in Jerusalem, 31 in Tel Aviv and 30 in Sdom.

Our neighbours were equally uncomfortable, the weatherman reports, with Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Turkey suffering unusual heat.

In Europe, he added, it was cool. Paris suffered with a mere 16 degrees, London and Stockholm had 19, and Moscow had an unusual summer low of 21 degrees.

SDOM WORKERS TO LIVE OUT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday.— By agreement with the local Labour Council, the management of the Sdom Potash Works has closed its labour camp in Sdom. The workers who live here or in Dimona are brought to work each day and sent home by bus.

The Potash Works have undertaken the responsibility for transporting the permanent staff, and the Labour Exchange is to transport the 42 temporary workers who live in Dimona.

Card-Players Meet In Police Station

HOLON, Wednesday. — Avraham Sandlar, Holon, complained to the police yesterday that he had been cheated out of IL250 in a cardroom game.

At the very moment he was making his complaint, a 31-year-old man, who had been found in Jaffa under suspicious circumstances, was brought into the police station. Mr. Sandlar jumped up, shouting: "That's the man I played with." A search revealed that the man had IL125 in his possession.

Both were detained for questioning. *(Itim)*

Arab Found Guilty of Possessing Arms

A young Arab was yesterday found guilty by a military court of being in possession of weapons and ammunition without a licence.

The youth, whose name was withheld by the court, had been found with six army rifles, a pistol, and 36 bullets.

Sentence will be passed this morning. *(Itim)*

Hapoel Hamizrahi Win Seat in Druse Village

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A representative of a family associated with Hapoel Hamizrahi was among the nine successful candidates elected when the Druse village of Daliat el Carmel went to the polls yesterday to choose a new local council.

Six of the newly-elected councillors are representatives of various family groups associated with Mapai and the remaining two represent a new Young People's group, which is not organized on a family basis. A Herut-linked family group failed to win a seat.

The success of the Hapoel Hamizrahi candidate is generally accounted for by the fact that many of the inhabitants of Daliat el Carmel are employed in the Hapoel Hamizrahi moshav of Nir Etzion.

More than 95 per cent of the 1,550 eligible voters, both men and women, cast their votes, while villagers sat around drinking innumerable cups of Turkish coffee and savouring local gossip. Polling went on from 7 a.m. to 11 at night.

The chairman of the outgoing council, Kassem Raf'at Halabi, was re-elected.

DRUSE EX-SERVICEMEN GET UNION CARDS

SAFAD, Wednesday. — Fifty Druse ex-servicemen of Galilee villages received their Histadrut membership cards at a ceremony in Rama village this afternoon. They are the first non-Jewish group to receive Histadrut membership.

Mr. R. Barkatt, head of the Histadrut Political Department, and Mr. A. Agasi, of its Arab Workers Department, attended the ceremony.

Cabinet to Discuss Exit Permit Tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recommendation of the Ministerial Economic Committee that a fee of IL150 be charged for an exit permit will be referred to the Cabinet next Sunday by the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda.

While the Committee decided that the fee should be levied in the form of an administrative order by the Minister, Mr. Bar-Yehuda is of the opinion that a fee of such dimensions should be decided on by the Knesset.

The present fee for an exit permit is IL5, while the tax on tickets bought in local currency for travel abroad is 33.3 per cent. The fee on exit permits, however, also applies to travellers whose tickets have been paid for in foreign currency.

The Progressive Party will "energetically oppose" the proposed fee, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Party told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Wizo Told Not to Spend Its Dollars on Fares

The Ministry of Finance has expressed its opposition to a local Wizo group using a donation of $10,000 to cover the expenses of a tour of 70 of its members abroad. A spokesman for the Ministry said that the women's organization had been requested to purchase its tickets for the tour in local currency.

From Wizo sources it is learned that the donation was received from abroad for the express purpose of financing this tour, aimed at establishing closer relations between members of the movement in Israel and abroad. They think it would be a breach of confidence were the money to be used for other purposes.

The matter should be settled at a meeting tomorrow between members of the World Wizo Executive and a senior Finance Ministry official. *The Jerusalem Post* was told by Tel Aviv Councillor M. Ben-Porat, Honorary Treasurer of Israel Wizo and Executive member of World Wizo.

The Finance Ministry's protest "was quite unexpected, as the permit was already in our hands," she said.

Check on Real Cost Of Living Planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Advances in the methods of computing the cost-of-living index will be made with the completion of the report of the public committee appointed to review this question, it was learned in Jerusalem today.

It is hoped that the committee's report will be ready by the end of the year or by the very latest at the end of the fiscal year, next March.

The committee is to recommend a more systematic survey of day-to-day prices of commodities that go to make up the index. Instead of the thrice-monthly checking of commodities that are only priced at the counter, it is recommended that the various items be bought every day in order to ascertain the actual price paid by the housewife.

The present study of a new basis for the c-o-l index is to include a survey of the buying habits of 7,000 families, and will encompass more than 850 different items.

The preliminary results of the study show a marked rise in the standard of living and in the rate of consumption since the previous index was compiled in 1951.

Direct Water Plan Advised for Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A recommendation to experiment in supplying water directly instead of through rooftop tanks to the lower sections of Jerusalem is included in a report of a committee that investigated water loss in the capital.

The committee was appointed in January by the Director of the Water Authority, Mr. Zvi Neumann, at the request of the Jerusalem Municipality.

The committee discovered that a water loss estimated at 32.5 per cent was due to leakage and inexact water meters. It recommended that over 1,800 metres of main pipe be replaced during the next six months, and that the entire municipal water network be inspected for leakage every six months.

It was discovered that the water meters in use were not sufficiently sensitive to the small flow of water that occurs when rooftop tanks with floats are used. The committee felt that the completion of the water reservoir and the laying of additional pipelines to the city, justified the introduction of a direct flow system, especially to the lower parts of town.

The committee was composed of Mr. P. Kauffman, of the Water Authority, Chairman; Engineer L. P. Stein, of the Municipality, and Mr. M. Ginsberg, of the Water Authority.

Water Short For Lack of Money

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — The residents of 40 houses at the Neveh Oved immigrant housing estate near Poriya are spending the heat wave without a drop of water in their taps because of a technical fault in the pipeline. The houses are on a hill top and, because of the fault, there is not sufficient pressure for the water to reach them.

The fault, discovered a month ago, has not yet been repaired, despite the immigrants' appeals to various authorities. During the past few days, the residents staged demonstrations in town and beat up their instructor and secretary. It has now been ascertained that the repair will cost IL500, but no one has been found to put up the money. The pipeline was laid by the Shikun company.

At Tarshiha, a townlet in Western Galilee, water has been rationed by Mekorot during the past week because the inhabitants owe the company IL4,000. It is supplying water only twice a day for one-hour periods.

The local committee claims that it has no legal power to force the inhabitants to help pay the debt. The Ministry of Interior has granted IL1,900 for the purpose, but Mekorot is demanding at least a two-third settlement. The firm points out that Tarshiha had failed in the past to pay outstanding debts.

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but independent Communism was something else, he observed.

He said the Syrian situation would be watched very closely by all the free world and they must not get into a position which would be intolerable for them. (The President did not amplify this last statement.)

Mr. Eisenhower was asked to comment on the Democratic Party's charges, recently repeated, that the sudden withdrawal by Secretary of States Dulles of an offer of funds to help build Egypt's Aswan Dam contributed to Middle East instability.

The President noted the offer had been made jointly by the U.S., Britain and the World Bank last year on the understanding that Egypt would use its economic power to construct the dam instead of building its military.

Egypt made a number of conditions which were completely unacceptable and the offer was forgotten, the President said. Some months later, Egypt suddenly revived the issue, but the conditions prevailing earlier no longer prevailed. Egypt had received a lot of arms and was devoting a lot of its resources to rearmament, he added.

Bisri

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to Syria with "this is our affair and our affair only." He did say, however, that his country would buy arms from the U.S. if that were preferred. "We are buying arms with our own money and will accept none without paying," he said.

The army chief declined to answer directly a question as to the presence of Soviet technicians in Syria. "If they are here it is for the delivery of arms to our people and not to tell us what to do," he said.

He repeated earlier accusations against Mr. Howard Stone, Second Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, as the mastermind of the American plot against Syria. "The plotters wanted the head of every honest man in this country," Bisri charged.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman commented "I don't know if we have anything on that as yet," when informed that Maj.-Gen. Afif Bisri had charged in Damascus that the U.S. had planned to send "made-in-America gangsters" to assassinate him and other top officials. But, he said, if Bisri did make such charges, then "how silly can you get?")

13 Hurt in Road Accidents

Jerusalem Post Staff

At least 13 persons were injured in road accidents yesterday and two others died of injuries received earlier.

An unidentified cyclist was yesterday found unconscious and severely injured on a road near Thuma in the northern Negev. He was taken to nearby Kibbutz Sa'ad by Mr. Yosef Weiss of Kfar Aza and later to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot. Police assume that he is a victim of an automobile accident.

Suleika Fahima, 26, of Moshav Shuval 5, died yesterday at Kaplan Hospital of injuries received when she was hit by a truck on the Plugot road a week ago. She is survived by six children.

Yehuda Sroya, a 16-year-old cyclist from Kfar Malachi, who was injured by an army jeep three days ago on the Kastina road, died of his injuries yesterday in the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

A private car overturned near the former police fortress at Iraq Suidan on Tuesday. Two of the occupants were severely injured and taken to the Kaplan Hospital.

A car driven by Yehuda Levy, 47, of Jerusalem, yesterday ploughed into a marching column of soldiers on a road in the south. One of the soldiers was severely injured and taken to a military hospital.

Levy was detained and later released on bail.

Five other soldiers and two civilians were injured in a collision between an army truck and a civilian tender on the Efar Ata road. The two vehicles were badly damaged. The civilian driver, Tewfik Hanna Shahdar, 23, of Haifa, and the army driver were detained and released in bond.

A cyclist, Yosef Saida, 23, was severely injured yesterday when a jeep hit him on the outskirts of Tiberias. He was taken to Poriya Hospital. A similar accident occurred in Tiberias when an Egged bus collided with 13-year-old Avraham Mizrahi, while he was riding on his bicycle. He was also taken to Poriya Hospital.

New Escaped Held, Shem-Tov Still Free

RAMLE, Wednesday. — An escaped prisoner was captured by the police yesterday evening, a few hours after escaping from the Ramle prison.

David Atiani, who is serving a 12-month sentence for house-breaking, was working on a farm near the prison. Warders noticed that he was missing and informed the police who immediately began a thorough search of the area. The prisoner was found about five kilometres from the prison.

Meanwhile, the search goes on for Yitzhak Shem-Tov who escaped from Tel Mond prison on August 8. It is thought that the escaped convict has managed to slip out of Tel Aviv and is hiding in the environs.

Mr. David Mansur, 50, in whose hut in the Ezra Bet Quarter, Eliyahu Hadad, who escaped with Shem-Tov, was captured on Monday, was brought before Tel Aviv Magistrate A. Movshovitch today. Mansur was detained for 10 days on suspicion of sheltering an escaped prisoner. *(Itim)*

Man Sought After Double Shooting

An alleged attempt at double murder was made in the Hartuv *ma'abara* on Monday, when David Zino, 25, is said to have shot and wounded his wife, Perla Zino, and her brother David Peretz, 35, and then escaped.

The police are searching for him. The two victims were taken to Jerusalem hospitals, where they are recovering.

Police suspect that the shooting arose out of quarrels over the question of the husband granting his wife a divorce. *(Itim)*

Yeshiva Students To Border Villages

Twenty Yeshiva students will go to border settlements and immigrant villages as teachers during the coming school year under an agreement between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Defence.

This agreement provides that Yeshiva students may work as teachers in immigrant villages or border settlements for a period of four years in place of the regular two-and-a-half year army service.

The students will undergo basic military training prior to being sent to their places of work, which will be chosen by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

SAFAD RABBI DIES OF SNAKE BITE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Wednesday. — Rabbi David Silberman, president of the Committee for the Preservation of Safad and Galilee Holy Places died of a snake bite yesterday while visiting the site of an ancient synagogue, near Tabha. He was 49.

His body was discovered by workmen this morning. After he was bitten, he apparently had stumbled on for a kilometre but died still five kilometres away from the main road.

Thousands of residents attended the funeral this afternoon and all shops were closed. He was eulogized by the town's Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Simha Kaplan, and by Deputy Mayor Y. Geiger.

The deceased was loved and respected for his saintliness and devoted attention to the holy sites under his care, as well as for the selfless charity he practised despite his own poverty.

He leaves a wife and two children.

Reports of Asian Flu Here 'Untrue'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ministry of Health authorities yesterday denied a press report that cases of Asian flu had appeared in Israel.

The quarantine stations at Lydda and Haifa had not found any incoming cases nor had anyone been isolated, these authorities stated.

Neither have any cases turned up among the resident population, it was stated. (Throat swabs have been made of all suspect cases during the past few weeks and sent to the Influenza Laboratory in Jerusalem for examination.)

Egyptian refugees in a Greek transit camp on their way to Israel are being held there for a time, following a report by the resident physician three days ago that the refugees might have brought the flu from Egypt.

Meanwhile, the Biological Laboratory in Nes Ziona is continuing the production of vaccine against Asian flu.

IL10m. Allocated For Immigrant Welfare

A total of IL10m. is to be distributed to three Ministries for use among new immigrants, it is learned.

The allocations, which were decided upon recently by the Ministerial Economic Committee, are expected to be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee.

Of the sum, IL6.5m. is for the Ministry of Labour, to provide employment; IL2m for the Ministry of Interior, and IL1.5m. for the Ministry for Social Welfare.

Eighty per cent of the Social Welfare allocation will be distributed among local authorities for welfare work. In addition, the Ministry is to increase its allocations to persons over 65 who are not included in the National Insurance network from IL17 to IL30 a month, and for aged couples from IL22 to IL45. This will affect about 7,000 persons. Allocations will also be increased to some 2,000 widows and 4,000 orphans.

The IL10m. was set aside as a reserve fund for immigrants at the beginning of the budget year. Last week, the Ministerial Economic Committee also decided upon a IL1.5m. increase in the Ministry of Health budget.

Cochin Entertainers In Jerusalem Tonight

Songs, music, dances and drama of Jews from southern India will be presented, reportedly for the first time in Israel, by a group of amateur artists from Cochin at the Y.M.C.A. hall, Jerusalem, at 8.30 this evening, under the auspices of Massach theatre troupe. *(Itim)*

MAYORS' CONFERENCE FOR JERUSALEM

The Jerusalem Municipal Council on Sunday night approved the holding of an international mayors' conference in Jerusalem as part of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

Garage in Ramat Gan to Service Dan's New Diesel Buses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A central garage and repair workshop, capable of maintaining a fleet of 600 buses, will be built at Ramat Gan shortly to service the new Diesel buses which the Dan company is acquiring, Mr. M. Atzmon, of the Company's management, told a group of journalists who visited the company's installations today.

During the first half of this year, the Company purchased 78 new Diesel buses, the majority of them of the British Leyland type, whilst the remainder were French-produced Chausson vehicles, the spokesman stated. Next year Dan intends to purchase another 150 new Diesels—to replace the old, less economical petrol-engine models. By the end of 1958 Diesel buses will be used on all the Company's routes.

Mr. Atzmon said the Leyland buses were superior to the Chaussons, but Dan still bought the latter type since they were obtainable on easier terms and there was only a three month delivery delay.

Hand in hand with the purchase of new buses goes the scrapping of old ones, and a further 20 to 30 will be withdrawn from service by the end of the year. A small proportion of these will be converted into mobile repair-shops while the remainder are to be "cannibalized"—used as a source of spare parts.

Newsmen visited the workshops where a number of technical innovations have been introduced by the workers themselves. One mechanic had "invented" a new type of radiator which has been fitted in the Company's buses and has proved superior to, and cheaper than, the type used in the Leyland vehicles.

The Company said that more women conductors would be taken on. The noise made by buses which had been the subject of many complaints recently, would be lessened, Dan officials thought, when new models were introduced on the Company's routes.

Lawyers Say Rosen Harming Judiciary

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A statement issued by the Israel Bar Association today protests the statement of the Minister of Justice in the Knesset on July 24, in connection with the verdict delivered by Magistrate Mrs. M. Shamir in the proceedings against Mr. Y. Steinberg.

The statement reads: "Mr. Rosen has declared his sympathy with the views expressed by the Attorney-General who declared that the magistrate had been mistaken in accepting the view that a police officer had delivered false evidence and had wrongly exerted his influence on a witness involved in the case.

"Without wishing to take any specific stand on the case at issue, the Bar Association considers that the Minister's pronouncement in the Knesset constitutes an attempt to invalidate the verdict of a recognized judge which should have been final, and thereby reflects on the juridical institutions of the country and their impartiality. The question of the justice of the verdict pronounced in the said case is a matter for the courts to decide and their authority may in no way be replaced by that of Government Ministers.

"The Bar Association expresses its anxiety in view of the improper attempt to invalidate a verdict formally pronounced by a judge. The Bar Association believes it to be its duty to make this attitude known to the public at large since the question may lead to widespread anxiety concerning the State's basic legal establishments and the independence of the judiciary."

IL2M. LESS IN CIRCULATION

Currency in circulation fell during the week ending Tuesday by IL2,018,042 to a total of IL248,857,163, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday.

Treasury bills and promissory notes fell by IL8,482,000. In bills of exchange, promissory notes, and Government land bills there was no change. Gold reserves increased by IL334 and other foreign currency increased by IL3,433,624.

Cables in Brief

OIL. — Four Japanese oil experts have arrived in Teheran for talks on a possible agreement with the International Oil Consortium which markets Persian oil.

TANKER. — Operations were in progress yesterday to save the 25,000-ton Liberian-registered tanker World Splendour damaged by two explosions and fire about 55 kms. east of Gibraltar.

CLOSED. — Khartoum Airport will be closed for landing from October until January next year. Aircraft will go instead to Wadi Beibna airport, 17 kms. away.

DROWNED. — Admiral Marco Calamai, 55, Director of the Italian Combined Staff Institute, was washed overboard from his private schooner in heavy seas off Gandinia on Monday and drowned.

BIRTHDAY. — Princess Margaret celebrated her 27th birthday at Balmoral Castle in Scotland yesterday.

DIVIDED. — An Egyptian presidential decree on Tuesday divided the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Planning between the Ministers of Finance, Abdul Kaissuny — who will be responsible for planning — and the Minister of Communications Moustapha Khalil — who will take over municipal affairs.

Jewish Woman Lawyer Made Judge in Hague

HAGUE, Wednesday (INA). — Dr. Anna Minkenhof, a Jewish lawyer practising at Groningen, has been appointed to the bench at The Hague, the first woman to be so honoured. She is unmarried.

THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955 AND DECEMBER 31, 1956

31.12.1955		31.12.1956	31.12.1955		31.12.1956
	INCOME			OUTGO	
£ 390,139	Transfers from revenue accounts	£ 84,481	£ —7,483	Bad debts	£ 6,684
33,143	Proportion of life and capital redemption profits	33,143	868,767	United Kingdom and Overseas Taxation	900,578
1,204,051	Shareholders' investment income, before tax	1,297,990	655,858	NET PROFIT	837,189
18,207	Transfer fees	13,029			
—113,432	Profit on Exchange	15,778			
£ 1,532,108		£1,444,421	£ 1,532,108		£ 1,444,421
	APPROPRIATION OF NET PROFIT				
£ 655,858	Net Profit as above	£ 837,189			
£3,039,891	Balance brought in from previous year	3,154,900		Appropriated as follows:—	
2,843	less balance of "La Aconcagua" (see Note 3)		£ 210,000	To investment and contingency reserve	£ 100,000
			320,353	Dividends, less income tax	375,345
3,037,148			3,154,900	Leaving to be carried forward undivided	3,216,714
7,758	less Income Tax adjustment on 1954 final dividends				
£ 3,685,253		£ 3,692,059	£ 3,685,253		£ 3,692,059

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AT DECEMBER 31, 1955 AND DECEMBER 31, 1956

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS	
£48,450,684	Insurance funds	£54,266,496	£55,216,319	Investments	£60,773,870
6,624,445	Claims outstanding	7,430,592	1,217,680	Office buildings and other properties	1,353,134
	Participation fund investment and contingency reserve	620,637	8,621,079	Debts due and accruing	9,863,239
605,861			3,165,575	Cash and bank balances	3,240,053
2,870,468	Amounts due and accruing	3,070,888		NOTES	
196,212	Dividends proposed payable in following year	251,200		(1) The market values of the Stocks and Shares at 31st December, 1955 and 31st December, 1956 were in excess of the book values.	
£58,747,670	Total obligations of the Group	£65,640,013		(2) A part of the Assets has been specifically deposited under local laws, in various places out of the United Kingdom, as security to holders of policies there issued.	
	SURPLUS			(3) By permission of the Board of Trade, the figures of the subsidiary company "La Aconcagua" have not been consolidated from 1st January 1955, owing to the insignificance of the amounts involved.	
£ 904,161	Capital	904,161			
5,413,922	Reserves	5,469,408			
3,154,900	Balance of Profit and Loss Account	3,216,714			
£68,220,653		£75,230,296	£68,220,653		£75,230,296

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

We have examined and agreed the above summaries of the consolidated Balance Sheets and consolidated Profit and Loss Accounts of The Northern Assurance Company Limited and its subsidiaries with the consolidated accounts published by the Company for the years ended December 31, 1955 and December 31, 1956, as submitted to its members, and to which were attached our reports dated April 10, 1956 and April 24, 1957.

(signed) DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO.
Auditors
Chartered Accountants

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THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD., ISRAEL BRANCH

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955 AND DECEMBER 31, 1956

(to the nearest Pound)

31.12.1955	DEBIT	31.12.1956	31.12.1955	CREDIT	31.12.1956
2,617	Income Tax and Defence Levy paid	3,784	478	Interest received	208
2,781	Profit, transferred to Head Office Account	4,429		Profit, transferred from Fire, Accident and other Insurance Branches Trading accounts	8,008
			4,920		
IL.4,798		IL.8,213	IL.4,798		IL.8,213

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the above Profit and Loss Accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination thereof.

The said Profit and Loss Accounts are in agreement with the books of account and, to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Profit and Loss Accounts give a true and fair view of the results of the business of the Company in Israel for the years ended on those dates.

BAWLY, MILLNER, BIRCH & CO.
Public Accountants

Haifa, April 9, 1957.

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THE Rumanian People's Republic is today celebrating its national day, marking the anniversary of the Red Army's liberation of Rumania from fascist domination 13 years ago. In Tel Aviv this week the new Rumanian Minister to Israel attended a meeting of the Israel-Rumanian Friendship League, where he expressed his hope for better understanding between the two countries. Friendship, he said, assured mutual consideration and benefit in the cultural and scientific field.

RUMANIAN FRIENDSHIP

Since its establishment, Israel has followed the principle of avoiding criticism of the political views and beliefs of the countries with which we have diplomatic relations. Israel has chosen the way of free democracy of the older, unqualified type, which still enjoys the approval of everybody, even of the most severe critics of the government and its domestic and foreign policy. The form of democracy practised in the Rumanian People's Republic is of quite a different type, and in many ways not acceptable to us.

The Zionist solution always advocated a policy along these lines, in its belief that Jewish political life must grow into an independent organism in an independent country. The argument was simple and clear: if any country in which Jews lived objected to Jewish citizens taking part in local political life, then the answer was to quit local politics and the country of adoption as well, rather than attempt to change the country's attitude against its will. It is the more difficult to understand the logic of those countries which, like the U.S.S.R., have declared Zionism illegal, including emigration, and have tried to solve whatever problems are posed by their Jewish communities by trying to hurry on, if not actually impose, assimilation. The only plausible explanation is that in Russia in 1917 those Jews who believed in taking part in local politics were also strongly anti-Zionist, and have ever since pushed the authorities into opposing and even persecuting Zionists. The non-Jewish Russian revolutionaries saw no harm, for instance in Habimah's performing in Hebrew in Moscow. Indeed, how could there be any objection to a group of persons who advocate strict non-interference with local politics, and see their future outside the country of their adoption, whatever its political organization is or may be?

Israel has had acceptable relations with Rumania for almost nine years. The arrival of an envoy from that country recently to take up residence here indicated that Rumania does seek good and friendly relations with Israel, and this fact was certainly welcomed by everybody here. The test of friendship, however, is not the making of an appropriate speech on a festive occasion. The people of this country will never understand why Zionism should be illegal in Rumania, for it goes against all logic. But the real stumbling block not only to friendship but to normal trade and cultural relations between these two countries is the fact that relatives and friends in Rumania of Israel citizens cannot join them here. Until some way is found out of this difficulty, relations will remain closely circumscribed.

Disarmament in the Doldrums

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

LONDON (OFNS). — THE disarmament negotiations, which looked so promising a few months ago, are fizzling out in the damp and gloom of one of the wettest Augusts in the long history of wet English summers. This is the depressing opinion of most of the officials concerned — except, of course, the ever-buoyant Mr. Harold Stassen. For last week, Mr. Valerian Zorin, the Soviet delegate, made it clear beyond a shadow of doubt that he wished to emphasize disagreements on detail for the time being, in order to ensure that the Soviet Union has a good stick with which to beat the West when the U.N. Assembly opens next month.

For the past seven weeks the Western Powers represented on the sub-committee (the U.S., Canada, Britain and France), have been laboriously trying to complete the presentation of the proposals on a partial disarmament scheme. The delay was caused by their proposals for zones of international inspection as a measure of defence against surprise attack, which, since they necessitated getting agreement not only between the military and the civilians in Washington, London and Paris but the concurrence of all other Nato governments, took many weeks longer to complete than was originally contemplated. Mr. Dulles' intervention finally enabled the proposals to be tabled by the beginning of August.

At the recent London Disarmament Conference: (left to right) Selwyn Lloyd; Valerian Zorin, Russian disarmament envoy; and John Foster Dulles. Express Photo

Piece-Meal Presentation

But the Soviet proposals on a partial disarmament scheme were presented on April 30, and here, three-and-a-half months later, the presentation of the Western plan is by no means complete. The various aspects of the Western plans have been presented piece-meal in negotiation, but they have not yet been tied together into a formal proposal and it looks as if it will be the end of August before all the details have been ironed out between and within the many governments concerned. Mr. Zorin has a right to feel somewhat impatient.

But this week he has deployed a new argument which shows that he expects the negotiations to come to nothing, and is putting his government in the best position to take advantage of this fact. The partial disarmament scheme under discussion has five main aspects: the reduction of conventional forces; reduction of armaments; the suspension of nuclear testing; the controlled ending of the production of nuclear weapons; and defence against surprise attack. No firm agreement has been reached on any of these, and on the means of ending nuclear weapon production, in particular, the two sides are still poles apart.

But one aspect on which both sides had drawn closer together earlier in the summer was the reduction of conventional forces. For the last two years there has been agreement that the first round of reductions should bring the Soviet and American forces down to 2,500,000 men. The Soviet Union has insisted for some time that the second round of reductions should bring them down to between 1,500,000 and one million men. This year the United States, which had hitherto strenuously opposed any reduction below 2,500,000 agreed to accept reduction of its force to 2,100,000 in a second stage, and 1,700,000 in a third stage — near enough to the Russian figures for practical negotiations to begin.

However, the Western Powers have insisted that before such a second and third round of reductions could go into effect some progress must be made in the settlement of the outstanding political problems, of which, though it is not specified, the division of Germany is obviously the principal one. When this was put up to the Russians earlier in the summer they did not dissent from the revised force levels which the Americans suggested, but they did ask for a definition of the political condition which the West would attach to the second and third round of reductions. The Western Powers replied that they could not specify in advance the exact kind of political settlement they were seeking: all they wanted recognized was that some progress towards a settlement of the German, Korean and other outstanding problems must be made before the final reductions were effected. If this could be accepted, the first-stage reductions could begin immediately.

From there the Sub-committee passed on to other and thornier problems, principally concerning nuclear disarmament, until suddenly this week Mr. Zorin pounced on this question again. Last week he brought up conventional disarmament — quite out of context, for the Sub-committee had been discussing inspection zones — and said that to make reductions below 2,500,000 contingent on a settlement in Germany meant giving Germany a veto on disarmament. Is the West prepared to agree to the reduction of conventional forces without any conditions? he asked. If not, he added anxiously, "it would be wrong to create the impression that we are on the eve of agreement on this question," or that any progress had been made towards a disarmament agreement.

Why has Mr. Zorin suddenly chosen to turn the disarmament negotiations into an indictment of Western Germany. Obviously the forthcoming German elections have a great deal to do with it, just as the visit of Mr. Khrushchev—many of whose phrases Mr. Zorin was parroting — to Eastern Germany is aimed at the same target. But it would be wrong, I think, to regard this as his primary motive, because it is not certain whether the Kremlin really cares which party wins the West German election on September 15.

Russian Decision

The real explanation, it seems to me, is that the Russians have decided that there can be no disarmament agreement this year, but that it may be possible to reach one next year nearer to their own terms. In particular, they believe that given time the West will be forced to grant their main desire, an unconditional suspension of nuclear testing which would reduce the long American lead over Russia in the development of nuclear weapons. Therefore, they are building up the best possible case to lay before the U.N., before neutral opinion, and before those in every country who really appreciate the dangers of the nuclear arms race. The German question is regarded by many neutral Asian countries as an unnecessary cause of friction between East and West: therefore try to show the West is using it as a stalking horse to prevent a disarmament agreement. The radioactive effects of nuclear testing frighten many people: therefore stress the apparent disinterestedness of the Soviet offer to ban tests unconditionally. Inspection zones are a technical problem which few understand: therefore accuse the West of befogging a simple issue with technicalities. Russia is monolithic, the West is an alliance within which proposals must be hammered out by agreement: therefore stress the speed with which Russia has made proposals and the slowness of the West.

These, it seems to me, are the outlines of the propaganda assault that Russia is going to launch against the West in New York and elsewhere. It will take a much higher degree of skill and resourcefulness than the Western negotiators have shown this summer to resist it.

Readers' Letters

ANCIENT LAW

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial of August 12 about Sabbath traffic reads: "...a minority which resolutely refuses to bring its ancient and antiquated laws up to date to fit a modern society."

In our 4,000-year history, of the many popular movements that would "fit our ancient laws (they are not the laws of a minority but the eternal heritage of all Israel) to society," none have perpetuated themselves with-in the Jewish people. Indeed, whenever the problem of survival as a nation presented itself, Jews readily sensed that their strength lay in a way of life that was divinely planned — not in one devoid of truly eternal values.

Let us not be too hasty in calling the laws of the Torah "antiquated," but rather call to mind Ahad Ha'am's oft-quoted passage referring to the Sabbath and the survival of the Jewish People.

Too much is at stake!

Yours, etc.
SCHIMON RAPP

Jerusalem, August 18.

HEALTH SERVICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your correspondent Moshe Bar-Natan (your issue of August 16) has very narrow-minded views regarding various services a citizen enjoys in a civilized country.

It is ridiculous to put health services on the same level with unemployment funds and cultural or sport activities. Medical services, like education, are essential and vital and as such should be free from any party, class, political or ideological bonds, and the only solution is to introduce a national health service under government control.

Yours, etc.
"VOX POPULI"
(Name and address supplied)

Haifa, August 18.

COCHIN CULTURE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Allow me a little space in your paper to draw the attention of your readers to an artistic evening (songs, dances, music etc.) to be presented by the Association of Cochin Jews at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday (tonight), at 8.30. It will be the first time that we will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the ancient cultural background of those who left India to settle in Israel. The Association has devoted much time to this performance, and deserves the sympathetic support of all lovers of art and culture.

Yours, etc. *I. OLSVANGER*

Jerusalem, August 22.

CHEERY DRIVERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Considering that your paper has found space for more than one letter in which irate citizens vented their indignation at the service of the Hamekasher bus company, I am sure that you will also find space for praise, where praise is due.

Two drivers working regularly on the No. 7 route greet their passengers with such consideration, politeness and good humour that by now they have become one of the most pleasant points of our quarter. Even the children wait for them to greet them whenever they pass by.

Public recognition in your paper is certainly due to them and it would not be a bad idea at all if Hamekasher or the municipality were to distribute an annual prize for the most courteous bus-driver in town.

Yours, etc. *Z.J.L.*

Talpiot, Jerusalem, Aug. 18.

BEERSHEBA-EILAT BUS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On Sunday morning, July 28, I had the opportunity of watching the arrival and departure of the Tel Aviv-Beersheba-Eilat bus of Eshed.

The bus, which has 33 seats, arrived in Beersheba with 31 passengers. Another seven passengers were added in Beersheba, of whom two were able to find empty seats, one had to stand during the whole trip to Eilat and the other four somehow squeezed into the aisle where they sat on boxes. The bus is one of the oldest G.M.C. type, where passengers touch the seat in front of them with their knees. To travel in such a position for eight hours, in the present heat, through the Arava, is no pleasure trip and also against traffic regulations.

When I asked the Beersheba management of Eshed why they did not put one of the 39- or 46-seaters on the Eilat run, I was told that it would be very difficult to adapt bigger buses for a trip through the Arava, and that bigger buses will be employed when the new road to Eilat is ready. Cannot Eshed do something now to improve travelling conditions for its passengers, who pay good money for the trip? Or perhaps it does not matter because they are only workers? To the best of my knowledge, Eshed does employ big buses on the Tel Aviv-Eilat run, for tourists only.

Yours, etc.
H.B.
(Name and address supplied)

Beersheba, July 29.

Eshed Replies

The G.M.C. buses which travel the Eilat run regularly have 37 seats and not 33. Seats for the trip can and should be booked in advance.

Of all the buses in our possession, our Technical Department has found that the G.M.C. type is the most suitable for travel in the Arava. Other kinds have been tried out but to our regret could not hold out on this difficult road. It is possible that with the completion of the new road we shall be able to use buses of other makes.

It is no secret that the fares on the Eilat line are relatively the lowest in the country. The price was fixed in consideration of the fact that the majority of the travellers are workers proceeding to their jobs, and the income from this line does not even cover the current expenses connected with its use.

Public Relations Department
—ESHED

Tel Aviv, August 7.

Nabatean Water Works May Be 'Overhauled'

By WALTER SCHWARZ

BEERSHEBANS are getting used to the orange-coloured jeep that brings Professor Michael Evenari of the Hebrew University into town once a month or so. It arrives in the late afternoon and deposits him and his wife in the Arava Cafe, where they join the collaborators, friends, spectators and hangers-on of their expedition. Then they go south in a convoy of assorted vehicles.

All manner of southbound expeditions pass through the town. But none are quite so colourful and none, I imagine, can be so enjoyable to accompany as those of the Evenaris, in search of the desert waterworks of the Nabateans and the Byzantines.

At Sde Boker in the early morning the Professor, smiling beneficently with a cigar in his mouth, a row of silvery bullets for his automatic round his waist and a sheaf of air photographs in his hand, lines up his convoy again. (It is now further swollen by kibbutz members who developed Nabatean interests over supper.) He climbs into the orange jeep beside his wife, who is similarly armed.

Half an hour southwards down the Eilat road is Abde, stronghold of the Nabateans and the Byzantines. Off the road, in a wide, magnificent wadi, the orange jeep begins to lurch a little as the Professor's eyes stray from the track while he points his cigar at the significant things.

At the end of the wadi, the convoy halts before two vast natural caves — obviously enlarged and improved by man. The caves — although it is August in mid-Negev — are full of water.

"Isn't it amazing?" cries Evenari, as if he were seeing it for the first time. "These people grew wheat, barley, grapes, pomegranates, figs and dates here 1,500 years ago — on 100 mm. of rain a year. So could we."

'Grape Hills'

What are the little stone heaps nearby? The Professor calls them *tulelat el anab*, because some previous explorer asked a Beduin about them and received the cryptic reply that they were "grape hills." Evenari's theory is that the Nabateans scraped the loess topsoil clear of stones so that the sun could get at it and bake it into a hard, non-porous crust. The 100 mm. of rain, which tends to come down all at once in a torrent, runs off the crust and downhill "through the proper channels." Many of the cisterns are now salted up and dry. Others are not only wet, but still in use all the year round. Sure enough, as the Professor talks, a line of Beduin straggle onto the scene with camels and goats. They unearth canvas buckets hidden behind boulders, lower them to the water with ropes and fill an old British army helmet for the animals' use.

Evenari and his chief collaborator, Naftali Tadmor of the Ministry of Agriculture, dash up and down the wadi in separate jeeps for an hour or two, roaring triumphantly whenever some new cistern, *tulelat el anab* or channel is discovered.

Then Evenari, who is 63, abandons his jeep and races up a mountainside. His distant figure is seen from below, waving its arms ecstatically before a hitherto undiscovered cistern. He dashes down again. "Just imagine — on the top of the hill. A cistern with a date palm growing inside it! They had a catchment area of half a square kilometre up there and they collected a cave-ful of water."

Meanwhile, back at base, Leslie Shanon, a Tel Aviv engineer whose hobby this is, quietly surveys and maps the irrigation scheme of Abde. When Evenari and Tadmor come back, the latter throws off all his clothes and wades into the cisterns, just to find out how deep they are. Later, the party adjourns to the main city of Abde and spreads a canvas cover over the space between two jeeps. Under it, Mrs Evenari sits cross-legged, dispensing lunch cooled by dry ice, out of aluminium containers in the orange jeep.

House Hunting

After lunch, among the Byzantine ruins, she does a little quiet house hunting. She is looking for just the right house for refurbishing into a home of her own. For the Evenaris intend to establish a scientific colony at Abde, or at Sbeita, another Nabatean city in the Negev. The colony will stay there a year, reconstruct the waterworks, pour artificial rain on them with a specially built sprinkler — and grow crops.

The plan will cost the Government, or whoever else can be persuaded to finance it, IL250,000. You cannot just gather the principle behind these waterworks and then apply it, the Professor argues. These channels and cisterns are something of a lost art, which must be relearned the hard way. He should get the money. For who if not the members of Sde Boker should realize the importance of learning this thoroughly? In the early days of that kibbutz the dam they built to trap the annual torrent collapsed no less than seven times.

In fact, Professor Evenari is likely to get not only the money, but also a flood of applications from would-be sojourners — or at least week-enders — among neo-Nabateans from Jerusalem.

I WISZT I WERE LISZT

By PAUL JENNINGS

I HAVE often thought that the metaphor "a spoiled priest" is one that could be usefully applied to other callings. I myself, for instance, am a spoiled pianist. This does not mean that I studied with Schnabel, but ruined a brilliant promise with drink and women. I was *never* any good. For years, patient men with glasses would sigh, "Now, try it again, more slowly. Listen to what you're playing. Take your foot off the loud pedal. Try not to put your tongue out, relax." I would make a tremendous effort to go all boneless, but it was no good; I've *got* bones.

When we spoiled pianists haven't touched the piano for, say, two months, we find we can rattle something off. This is not really because we have managed to relax, it is just that we have caught the piano relaxed, *when it wasn't looking*. But for a moment the door did open, hope did spring again. Even in our thirties and forties we hope that we shall suddenly acquire the trick, like learning to swim. There will be a sort of magical *cloynk* in our spine and shoulders and arms; a marvellous lightness will flood through us, gorgeous, effortless runs and arpeggios will resound, unbelievably, in our drawing room. The uttermost passion of romantic art, the grand delirium of 19th-century personal neurosis, will transfigure us; huge sonorities, twinkling clusters of brilliance, *music*, will float from our summer windows, to bewitch the flowers and the admiring world.

But normally the piano is looking. The spoiled pianist, because of some primeval curse, will never really be technically equipped, however much he practises, to play anything but hymns, *Gems From The Great Composers (arr. T. Benson Cogforth)*, and pieces from Little Albums for Little Folk, by May Somebody; the covers have pictures of toadstools and Enid Blyton-looking fairies, of the kind that seem to be wearing bathing caps, and the pieces have titles like "Elephants," "The Clock," or "Sleepy Head."

The spoiled pianist feels, and often knows, just as much about music as those mysterious dreamy-eyed people who sit down casually at the piano and are revealed as born pianists. He, too, has Beethoven sonatas, nay, he has passionate scherzi and ballades, the kind of music where he is playing a broad, fairly manageable tune and suddenly the page goes mad with torrents of semiquavers, there are dotted lines where it says "8vo," he has to stop and pencil in the very names of the notes.

To the spoiled pianist it is mildly comforting that this music should be published at all, that it should pay anyone to do it. Somewhere in London there are highly paid men, rare inheritors of a vanishing Victorian craft, beautifully copying and engraving all these notes —

8vo, dotted lines and all; blocks are made, complicated machines roll and clatter. (I imagine these men in Soho, they are elderly, second or third generation Italian Londoners; they are bachelors, living alone, eating modest but good meals, with a little wine, in Soho restaurants that have not been tarted up.) All this, to print music which only about a hundred people in the country can play. Who buys all the other copies? Why, the spoiled pianists, of course — thousands of us.

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Recently I bought a boudoir grand (what a peculiar term that is, who wants a piano in a boudoir?); to be precise I shall be buying it until May, 1958. I bought it for largely non-musical reasons. We had moved to the country, and our upright looked utterly lost in a room that is a cross between an orangery and a drill hall. For visual reasons we had to get a grand, even if it were only a cardboard model, with our upright inside it. But this frivolous thought, like all frivolous thoughts, vanished when I was in the quiet piano showroom, waking to life one splendid instrument after another with authoritative-sounding C-minor chords and a fumbling chromatic scale, half afraid that people would come in from the Bedding and Soft Furnishings to listen if I tried anything else. And I found I had bought this lordly thing.

The keys are stiffer than on my upright. The soft pedal makes the entire keyboard slide to the right. It is all very alarming. I can never hope to catch this one not looking. But the other day I was in the house of a friend who now has my upright, and I really caught it by surprise. I won't say I managed all the 8vo bits, but there was a definite improvement.

I see now what must be done. There must be put on the market, for spoiled pianists, a Negative Relaxation Piano; a fearful thing with two keyboards, one white, one black, with strange knobs and levers, dials, counters, extending arms, mirrors, hits, tons operated by knees, elbows, nose; even emitting a smell of burning rubber if certain meters are not watched, so that the sense of smell is used too — the total faculties, mental and physical, of a human being riveted in ferocious, exhausting concentration. *Then* we could go back to an ordinary piano, perhaps even a boudoir grand, and it wouldn't be looking. *(Copyright)*

Panicky Approach to M.E. Problems

Herut thanks the Jewish War Veterans of America for the boycott of Shell that they are planning in connection with the company's withdrawal from Israel, and calls again for an organized world-wide Jewish boycott of Arab products, since the Arab League is the main enemy and our energy should not be squandered on a campaign on a number of subsidiary fronts.

Ha'aretz (non-party) explains why there is little America can do about the situation in Syria, but **Haboker** (General Zionist) stresses that what is needed first of all is saner Western judgment of Arab issues. The Anglo-Saxon powers' panicky approach to Middle East problems is rooted in their dependence on Arab oil, and will dissipate, making rational appreciation possible, with constructive steps ending this dependence. Such a step would be the maximum development of the Sahara fields in the shortest possible time.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) adds its voice to that of other papers expressing the hope that Italy's President Gronchi will not be led by Arab propaganda about the "dangers" of Jewish immigration to Israel into an unbalanced view of the position in the Middle East, pouring oil on the fire of inter-Power competition for the Arabs' favour.

Yesterday's Press

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) asks why the Knesset Finance Committee has decided to boost power rates for irrigation and home consumption if it is interested in keeping the cost of living down, why it is earmarking most of those revenues for a subsidy to Mekorot, and why the P.E.C. was nationalized and Mekorot, which fulfils a parallel function in the national economy, was not.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) remarks that it was not enough for Mapai to act as if it was the entire Histadrut — treating the Ata strike as a strictly intraparty matter and short-circuiting formal Histadrut action at every level, including the Executive, in order to make up all-Mapai delegations. Insult has been added to injury by Mr. Lavon's denouncing the left-wing parties for their "unrestrained opposition." It was the Ahdut Ha'avoda's position that was dignified and restrained and Mapai that acted both illegally and undignifiedly, the paper concludes.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) directs a sharp attack at the road safety position, arguing that we are not doing all that could be done within our means, and points to the sparsity of traffic policemen on the highways as against the cities and to the ridiculously low penalties for infractions of traffic rules.

Davar (Histadrut) deals with the need for patience and tolerance on both sides in absorbing immigration, and **Omer** (Histadrut vocalized) on the fact that the Magen David Tel Aviv station will have to discontinue its services next month for lack of municipal support.

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